

2007 Château Civrac, Cotes de Bourg, Bordeaux France

£165.00 per case of 12 bottles (£13.75 per bottle) including delivery

'Here's something you don't see every day! A modern, inexpensive claret, with a lust for life and sheer drinkability which amazes the senses. Bright cherry fruit, crunchy, mouth-watering acidity and decent elegance and length, Civrac is a rarity in a world of oaky, plodding, over-priced monolithic wines. Old vines, tonnes of history and pedigree, tiny production (3000 cases per year), Civrac has it all. These days the property is owned by a Cornishman, Mark Hellyar, and he has seemingly not put a foot wrong with the cutting edge labels and the purity of lip-smacking flavours in the bottle. My old pal Hamish, at the Tate, lists it on his restaurant wine list, and he's got good taste, so we thought that we would show you this beauty, too. It should singlehandedly take some of the hurt out of the 2009 Bordeaux campaign! Please ask the lads at Q Wine for a sample, better still a case – Civrac is our favourite red Bordeaux of the summer!' **Matthew Jukes**